



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly, our newsletter to keep you updated on all things going on at Hydesville.

Each week we'll share updates on what's been going on across the School. We will also celebrate pupil successes and include important notices and updates on what's coming up the following week.

To keep up with our daily news, please check Cognita Connect, or click on the icons below to follow us on social media.



We love to hear about what you're getting up to!

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## A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER



One of the key principles at Hydesville is developing a global perspective. A number of teachers across all sections of the school have been spending this year looking at ways to increase the scope for worldwide interactions and learning for our children, in addition to what already occurs. We have had a great experience of this in the last fortnight of having fourteen Chilean students from our sister schools in Latin America. Their presence has been a source of considerable delight for our pupils and teachers alike. Understanding different cultural experiences is a perfect way to start to appreciate our own situations, as well as develop an awareness for the rich tapestry that exists elsewhere. I know Miss Jenkins and Miss Bowdige are keen to look at options for future overseas residential trips, so our pupils gain a similar benefit. Open Morning last weekend was a huge success, and my sincere thanks to the staff and pupils who were present to show off the school so well. We had a large number of visitors who were very impressed by what they saw and keen to sign up for the next academic year. It is a reflection of the excellent standards that are being set and Hydesville's strong reputation that such demand exists.

I am grateful to the many parents who sing our praises: the Voice of Parent survey illustrated that pleasingly and whilst I am keen that we address the concerns of those who feel we can do better, it was also very reassuring to see so much that was positively regarded. All the best for the weekend ahead...

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



## LET'S GET READY FOR LUNCH

Hydesville Nursery children are always finding new ways to help each other. Over the last few weeks, children have been helping and learning how to set the tables to get them ready for lunch.

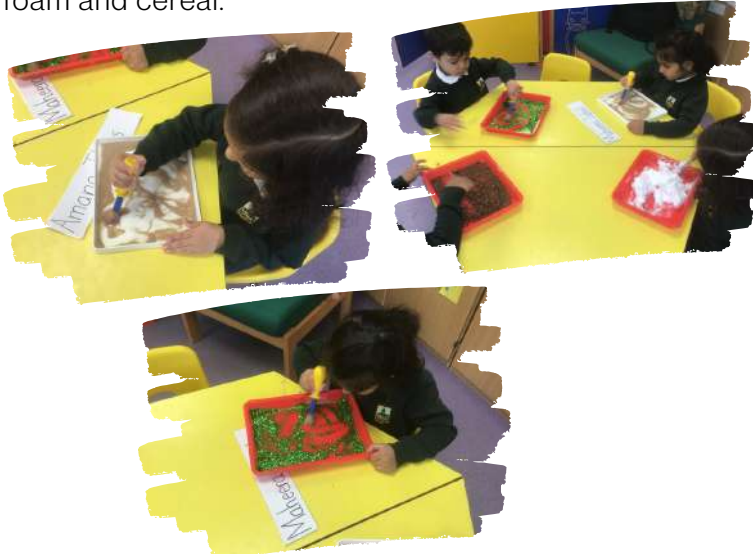
They have loved being involved in the process of placing mats, cutlery and filling the cups with water in order to get ready for lunch.

We value the importance of nurturing independence in the Early Years as it is an essential life skill and supports children to think for themselves.



## MARK MARKING WITH YELLOW GROUP

Yellow Group have been mark making. This is important as it teaches children how to use and hold utensils appropriately and introduces children to writing, it is good for children's physical development as it improves fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination, and by giving the child opportunities to explore different ways to mark make also engages them in sensory play. The children had fun using the brushes to mark make and explore the glitter, sand, foam and cereal.



## Hydesville Nursery



## TRIP TO THE PIZZA PARLOUR

Hydesville Nursery children had lots of fun as they put on their chefs hats and headed to their very own pizza parlour.

They used rolling pins and flour to roll out their own dough balls, then added tomato purée to the base using a knife to spread it across the dough before adding the cheese on the top, and then placed it in the microwave to cook for 2 minutes. They looked delicious.

The children then had the opportunity to complete a range of pizza activities from being creative, pizza addition, cutting, to exploring the pizza shop role play.

From completing these activities role play helps the children to learn about themselves, the world and how things work. It offers a great way to build creativity and nurture their imagination and will support and strengthen their language development (e.g. expressive language, vocabulary), social skills and play skills including turn-taking and sharing within a safe learning environment.



# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

*Prep School - y1*



## CELEBRATING PANCAKE DAY

On Tuesday 1st March Year 1 celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having a pancake race. Lots of fun was had tossing and flipping pancakes!



## LOTS OF SNOWY FUN



Just before the half term break Year 1 enjoyed a fun time at the Snowdome. The purpose of the trip was to experience what snow feels like, to imagine how Captain Scott would have felt in the icy conditions on his expedition to the Antarctic and most of all to have fun with our friends and teachers.

We enjoyed tubing, sliding, throwing snow, making snow angels, digging, sledging and snowball fights.



## STEM EXPERIMENTS

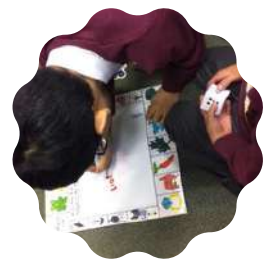
In Science children carried out a STEM experiment to discover what would happen to an ice hand that was placed inside the classroom, compared to one that was placed outside on a cold day. They all predicted correctly what would happen but were amazed to see how quickly the hand that was inside melted.



## HOMework HEROES

For homework children were given the challenge of making their own board game to help other children to learn and improve their phonics.

We enjoyed trying out some of these games.



# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## Senior School

### ACROSS SCHOOL LEARNING

To mark World Book Day in the Senior School, pupils put together a range of resources to share with pupils in KS1 and KS2, to communicate their love of reading to younger pupils and encourage them to read a wide variety of texts.



They delivered quizzes and made bookmarks with pupils, which in turn helped them to develop their public speaking and communication skills. In Senior lessons, pupils have been continuing this year's theme of Heroes and Villains by participating in the Young Writer's Award, considering the perspective of unusual characters and those who don't normally invite our sympathy. Good luck to everyone who has taken part!

### GCSE ARTISTS GET CREATIVE WITH CLAY

GCSE art pupils took part in a one day workshop with local artist Julie Edwards.

They produced life-sized clay heads which linked to their portfolio projects.

It was extremely enjoyable day and it was very rewarding for the pupils to see how their ideas developed over the course of the day.

The artist was impressed by the variety of work produced and the positive attitude shown by the pupils.

We were also lucky to have two of our Chilean pupils join us for the day.

What a wonderfully creative day; well done to all!



### YEAR 11 'S VISIT TO POETRY LIVE

Year 11 had the fantastic opportunity to listen to and learn from some of the nation's greatest living poets at the annual Poetry Live conference in Birmingham on Monday.

Past and present Poet Laureates were in attendance, with Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage, and Daljit Nagra, who can often be heard on Radio 4, caused quite a stir with his modern, caustic verse, encouraging our pupils to think about how to express themselves in language when encountering difficult issues in the news. There was also an extended session from the senior examiner, to help pupils with their revision.



### WORD OF THE WEEK

**ESTIMATE**  
from aestimare (Latin: determined, appraised)

**NOUN:**  
an approximate calculation or judgement of the value or number of something  
a statement indicating the likely price of works

**VERB:** roughly calculate or judge the value or number of something

**SYNONYMS:**  
roughly calculate, approximate, guess, judge, evaluate, consider

**SYNONYMS:**  
approximation, quotation, evaluation, assessment, valuation, impression

**BUSINESS STUDIES:**  
"Compare costs by getting estimates from at least two firms."

**ENGINEERING:**  
"An estimate of the repair cost."

**POLITICS:** "The aim is to estimate the effects of macroeconomic policy on the economy."

Who might use this word?  
Scientist, Politician, Economist, Contractor, Surveyor, Financial advisor

estimate | estimates | estimated | estimating

## PUPIL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards this week:

### PREP SCHOOL STARS OF THE WEEK



R: Alaanvee  
Y1: Abdul  
Y2: Dhian  
Y3: Roman  
Y4: Brogan  
Y5: Amar  
Y6: Avnie Mae

### CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S PUPILS OF THE WEEK TOO:



Y1: Catalaya  
Y2: Avi  
Y3: Veer  
Y4: Yusuf  
Y5: Zak  
Y6: Jasveer

### ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK



Y7 - Samraaj.  
Y9 - Maya (Ve), Maya (Vi), Avneet, Hargun.  
Awarded for excellent English creative project outcomes.

### SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS OF THE WEEK

9A - Ishika, Amrit, Maya.  
9B - Kudzy, Abdula, Davina.

### NURSERY



Sienna - for working hard and being kind to her friends.

### PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Anaya, Y7 – for the excellent progress made in music both in terms of performance ability and understanding of music theory.

## NOTICES AND COMING UP...



### RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 EASTER CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 31st March we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Parents will be invited to come and watch the children parading around the school playground (weather permitting). Children are encouraged to be as creative as they desire when making their hats, however, they must be able to walk safely whilst wearing them.

Therefore be starting to get together your chicks, bunnies, straw and hats as you've got a few weeks to be making your wonderful creations. We look forward to seeing the finished designs.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

### NURSERY - RECEPTION TRANSITION

Families with children in Pre-Prep are invited to join us for a Reception Information Event on Wednesday 16th March at 9.30am. Please confirm your attendance to [sarah.archer@hydesville.com](mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com)



### WORLD SLEEP DAY - 18TH MARCH

Sleep is a critical part of the Cognita Be Well Charter as the quantity and quality of sleep children are receiving impacts their physical, mental and emotional health. To mark World Sleep Day 2022 on Friday 18th March Senior School pupils can come to school one hour later than usual at 9:45am instead of 8:45am. Registration will take place at 9:45am and lesson 2 will start promptly at 10:00am.

Pupils can also wear appropriate sportswear or loungewear. The normal rules regarding makeup and jewellery will still apply. Letters were sent out via Cognita Connect earlier this week.



### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP W/C 14.3

Monday	Year 3 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) KS3 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 3 & 4 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Tuesday	KS4 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 7 – 11 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 7 – 11 Drama Club (4:00pm - 5:00pm)
Wednesday	Years 3 – 6 Hockey Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Thursday	Years 5 & 6 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 3 – 5 11+ Tuition (5:00pm – 6:00pm) Years 3 – 6 Musical Theatre & Drama Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm)
Friday	Prep School Karate (3:50pm – 4:50pm)

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the following classes in Prep and Senior School who achieved the highest attendance this week:

Prep - RD, 2S, 3B, 3BW, 4C (100%)

Seniors - 7A (100%)

